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SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

19th Annual Soroptimist STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING Walk & Speaker Panel

AWARENESS - EDUCATION - ADVOCACY

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Knights Hall



A Community Awareness Event presented by
Soroptimist International of Camarillo, Oxnard,
Ventura, Channel Islands, and Fillmore



Soroptimist Mission Statement

Soroptimist International transforms the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

The principles of Soroptimist are to strive for:

The advancement of the status of women;
High ethical standards;
Human rights for all;
Equality, development and peace;
The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

Soroptimists' signature project is Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women® which assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Each year, nearly \$1.9 million in education grants are awarded to more than 1,300 women, many of whom have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence, trafficking, death of a spouse, and/or drug and alcohol abuse.

Our name, 'Soroptimist' is a coined phrase from the Latin 'soror' and 'optima,' meaning best for women. Soroptimist are truly women at their best, who are doing their.....

"Best For Women"

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Interface Children and Family Services
www.icfs.org

Human Trafficking Response Hotline:
(800) 636-6738

Forever Found- 805-306-8018

Journey Out- 818-988-4970

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National Human Trafficking Hotline
888-3737-888

Text HELP at BEFREE (233733)

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The mission of the STOP Human Trafficking Committee- SI Camarillo, Oxnard, Ventura, Channel Islands, and Fillmore- is to raise community awareness that human trafficking is not just a global problem, but a local one.

Community Walk

Community Partners' Presentations
Kathy Morgan, SI Ventura

Welcome
Kay Armstrong, SI Ventura

Special Agent Chelsea Malone
Kristina Martinez, SI Fillmore

Shantel Ortiz-Cesario
Sharon Edwards, SI Camarillo

Q & A
Ilya Vita, SI Channel Islands

Close
Laurie Spooner-Abraham

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Shantel Ortiz-Cesario
Expert Survivor Consultant
Rescued to Rescue



Shantel Ortiz-Cesario currently serves as an Expert Survivor Consultant, where she uses her lived experience to help guide and educate agencies, organizations and professionals working with youth who are at risk or being exploited. She also trains staff and advocates on trauma-informed and survivor-centered approaches to ensure that care is both effective and compassionate. In addition, she facilitates survivor-led groups, creating safe spaces for healing, empowerment, and connection.

During the past five years, Shantel dedicated her work to mentoring justice-involved youth and supporting community efforts focused on prevention, intervention, and restorative healing.